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## When the Fire Fell in Wales

By REV. GEORGE T. B. DAVIS

The Million Testaments Campaigns, 1505 Race Street, Philadelphia 2, Pa.

The results of the revival in Ireland were long and lasting. Ministers and laymen looked back with profound gratitude to God for the glorious awakening of '59.

After a period of forty-five years the fire again fell from Heaven—this time in Wales. Once more there was a mighty outpouring of God's Spirit. Vast multitudes were saved, and the Christians of the land were wondrously quickened in the faith.

For the time being Wales became the spiritual center of Christendom. Visitors from many lands flocked to Wales to witness the revival meetings, hoping, if possible, to carry back some of the revival fire to their own countries. Revival was the chief topic of conversation. The Welsh newspapers devoted columns to the movement each day; and occasionally special Revival Editions were issued.

A Chicago publisher, Mr. S. B. Shaw, was so stirred by the news of the great awakening in Wales that he compiled a very interesting book containing eye-witness reports of the revival, which had appeared in various religious papers in Great Britain and America. The book was entitled "The Great Revival in Wales." It was published forty years ago. Providentially some copies were preserved by the publishers

throughout the past decades and recently came into the possession of Mr. C. F. Chapman of Jacksonville, Florida, who is earnestly praying and working for another (Continued on Page 2)



Rev. George T. B. Davis

## Union Campaign In Lima, Ohio, Closes Gloriously

By EVANGELIST JOHN R. RICE

Twenty-two days of great blessing came to a close Sunday night, January 26, at the South High School in Lima, Ohio. I did the preaching and Dr. Harry Clarke, famous song leader, author of songs and choruses sung around the world, led the singing in a campaign sponsored by many pastors and churches.

Fifteen to twenty pastors were on the platform night after night, cooperating heartily, and those churches gave up their Sunday evening services, as well as week night services, to cooperate with the campaign.

Those in charge of the inquiry room report to me that there were 353 public professions of faith by people who were dealt with personally and carefully in the inquiry room after coming forward to take my hand in public acceptance of Christ. Probably three-fourths of these never had made a start before, never had claimed to trust Christ. Besides these who claimed Christ in South High School Auditorium in the regular services of the campaign, others were saved in other services where I preached. I estimate that over 200 claimed Christ in the services in high schools over the county where I spoke and where Mr. Clarke led the singing. These were not dealt with personally.

**Laymen Initiate Campaign**  
The union revival campaign at Lima was initiated by the local group of Christian laymen affiliated (Continued on Page 3)

## The Failure of Repeal; the Return of Prohibition

By REV. SAM MORRIS, D.D.,

of San Antonio, Texas, "The Voice of Temperance"

(Address given over the nation-wide coast to coast facilities of the National Broadcasting Company Friday night, January 17, 1947, at 9:45 P. M. Central Standard Time.)

National Prohibition went into effect on January 16, 1920, and was repealed on December 5, 1933. We had thirteen years of National Prohibition; we have now had thirteen years of repeal and much of the nation is going back to prohibition.

### Prohibition by Local Option

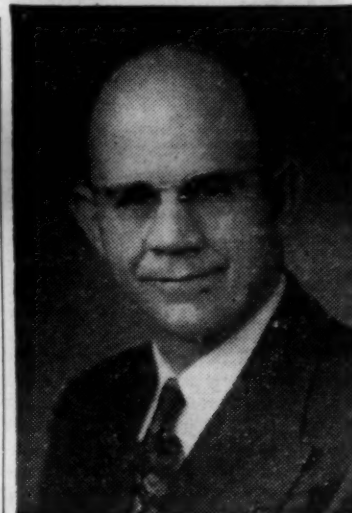
Massachusetts has 65 towns and townships with populations ranging from 40,000 down that prohibit the sale of all beer, wine and whiskey. New Hampshire has about a hundred such dry towns and townships; Vermont has 120; Maine over 300; Wisconsin 350, Ohio 450, Pennsylvania 650 and the state of Illinois over a thousand, with nearly 2 million people living in them.

The state of Virginia has several whole counties that are dry. Louisiana has 16 dry parishes, Minnesota has 20 dry counties; the drys have won 32 of the last 37 county-wide liquor elections in Arkansas; Georgia has 67 counties that are dry; Alabama 47 dry counties and only 20 that permit

the legal sale of beverage alcohol; Mississippi has 53 of her 82 counties that prohibit the sale of all beer, wine or whiskey; and the state of Kentucky, known around the world for its famous brands of liquor, has 92 wholly dry counties, 14 others that are partially dry and only 14 left that are wholly wet. The state of Texas has 139 dry counties and a recent newspaper survey revealed that 53 per cent of the people twenty-one years of age or above would vote for state-wide prohibition if faced with the opportunity. The latest Gallup Poll showed 33 per cent of the American voters across the nation as a whole favoring National Prohibition.

### Repeal Has Failed!

Advocates of repeal said there would be less drinking and it would promote temperance. Let the records speak! Ink on the repeal Amendment was hardly dry before the commercial liquor in (Continued on Page 4)



Rev. Sam Morris

## Jewess Saved Through Sword

"January 13, 1947

"Dear Dr. Rice.

"Enclose please find \$2.00 for which send a year's subscription to The Sword of the Lord to—

"I wish to tell you what The Sword of the Lord has helped to do to a Jewess I have done business with for years. I made a purchase, some remark was made that made me reply that I thought the end of this age was near. We talked a little more. Then I gave her some tracts which I found her eager for. Her remark was, 'I could eat them up.' When I got home I sent her quite a few more. Also sent her a number of old copies of The Sword of the Lord I had been saving for some one. I picked out specially the ones which had Dr. Appelman's sermons.

"The next time I went in I found she did not have a Testament so I got her one. Then another time I went in I found she really had accepted the Christ as her Messiah. She told me the Bible and The Sword of the Lord helped her.

"I saw her today. I asked her what really had helped her make her decision. She said your sermons and Dr. Appelman's were the ones she liked the best. She said when she read Dr. Appelman's sermons, it seemed as though he were right in the room. And a year ago when one approached her and spoke of Jesus, she spat on the floor.

"Will you please tell Dr. Appelman that a Jewish woman has been helped through his sermons, to accept Christ as her Messiah?

"We are praying for her husband. He will read all she takes to him but does not say anything for himself. Says if she has the faith and is happier for her stand, it is all right with him. To us it seems that he is almost ready to accept the Christ for his Messiah, too. She is having her little three-year-old boy pray every night to Jesus.

"Already some of her Jewish friends are cutting her. But she says, 'Christ did a lot for me; I (Continued on Page 4)

## The Young Man Who Made Up His Mind

By EVANGELIST JOHN R. RICE, Editor

(Preached in Chicago city-wide Life Begins Revival Campaign, June 1, 1946. Mechanically recorded for THE SWORD OF THE LORD.)

"In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon unto Jerusalem, and besieged it. And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with part of the vessels of the house of God: which he carried into the land of Shinar to the house of his god; and he brought the vessels into the treasure house of his god. And the king spake unto Ashpenaz the master of his eunuchs, that he should bring certain of the children of Israel, and of the king's seed, and of the princes; Children in whom was no blemish, but well favoured, and skillful in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science, and such as had ability in them to stand in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans. And the king appointed them a daily provision of the king's meat, and of the wine which he drank: so nourishing them three years, that at the end thereof they might stand before the king. Now among these were of the children of Judah, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: Unto whom the prince of the eunuchs gave names: for he gave unto Daniel the name of Belteshazzar; and to Hananiah, of Shadrach; and to Mishael, of Meshach; and to Azariah, of Abed-nego. But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself. Now God had brought Daniel into favour and tender love with the prince of the eunuchs. And the prince of the eunuchs said unto Daniel, I fear my lord the king, who hath appointed your meat and your drink: for why should he see your faces worse liking than the children which are of your sort? then shall ye make me endanger my head to the king. Then said Melzar, whom the prince of the eunuchs had set over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, Prove thy servants, I beseech thee, ten days; and let them to give us pulse to eat, and water to drink. Then let our countenances be looked upon before thee, and the countenance of the children that eat of the portion of the king's meat: and as thou seest, deal with thy servants."—Dan. 1:1-8.

And it turned out that the boys who had just water to drink and a vegetable diet instead of the rich meats and things of the king's table, and instead of the wine that was set every day for them to drink—these turned out to know

ten times more than the boys who feasted and got drunk and ate of the food that was contrary to the Jewish teaching and the Jewish diet. So the king said, 'Well, you look so rosy-cheeked and you have gained flesh, and you have learned your lessons so well, we will allow you to continue and will not require you to drink the king's wine and eat the king's meat.'

Now verse 8 is the text for tonight. "But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank; therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself." That is a real text, isn't it? This is the story of a young man who made up his mind. I want you to get the story. It is a war-time story. The children of Israel had gone into sin until after many, many warnings God brought Nebuchadnezzar and the Babylonian army upon them. They surrounded Jerusalem and the city was besieged. The food was cut off. Little by little the people were starving to death. Finally the city fell. You remember the king's eyes were put out and thousands were slain, old men and young. But the Lord had put it in the heart of the king, and he said, 'I want some bright young men, some of these young fellows that have a good education or that have a good start for an education—we need some young men to be provincial governors and to be rulers. You (Continued on Page 4)



## Rev. Ladoit Stevens of The Sword Staff Available for Week Ends

The Sword of the Lord Offers This Graduate of Moody Bible Institute, Soon to Graduate From Wheaton College, With Several Years' Preaching Experience, for Pulpit Supply, Youth Meetings, Evangelistic Services Within Reasonable Radius of Wheaton, Ill.

By EDITOR JOHN R. RICE



Rev. Ladoit Stevens who will graduate from Wheaton College with an A. B. Degree next June, has worked for The Sword of the Lord for some time as advertising and circulation manager.

We feel God has given us this splendid man to help us permanently in the work of getting out the gospel, and he has accepted our invitation for full-time work with The Sword of the Lord after his graduation in June. Although he helps carry some of the managerial load of The Sword of the Lord, he is a called and anointed preacher who, we trust, will be greatly used of the Lord. He has been preaching eight or ten years, although just twenty-seven. He

is a graduate of Moody Bible Institute, has made a fine record in Wheaton College. He is a Baptist, a good Bible student, a straightforward preacher of earnestness and devotion. In Wheaton College he has been champion wrestler and member of the football team, as well as carrying more serious responsibilities. He has greatly endeared himself to young people wherever he goes.

I feel that "Steve" will be a real blessing wherever he goes with the gospel. He will be a very acceptable preacher to supply the pulpit at all services, to preach at Youth for Christ meetings, or other youth meetings, or to bring an evangelistic message. It is on his heart, too, to help get out The Sword of the Lord literature and he will be glad to bring samples of The Sword of the Lord for free distribution wherever desired, and to mention this work.

We will be glad for Mr. Stevens to be used on week ends anywhere within overnight train travel from Wheaton, Illinois, or Chicago, and for week nights whenever possible. We are glad to recommend him as a responsible, sensible, devoted, and acceptable Bible preacher and a splendid Christian gentleman.

Any who are interested in securing his services may address him,

Rev. Ladoit Stevens  
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great spiritual awakening in our land.

Mr. Chapman kindly sent me a copy of the book, and from it I received great spiritual blessing and also much helpful material. I praise God for leading Mr. Shaw to gather so many interesting incidents about the revivals in Wales and Ireland, and I am deeply grateful to Mr. Chapman for sending me a copy of the book. How marvelously God works His wonders to perform!

### Whole Country Aflame With Gospel Glory!

Here is a vivid description of the revival in Wales that appeared in a religious paper in Chicago at the time of the great awakening:

"A wonderful revival is sweeping over Wales. The whole country, from the city to the colliery underground, is aflame with gospel glory. Police courts are hardly necessary, public houses are being deserted, old debts are being paid to satisfy awakened consciences, and definite and un-

mistakable answers to prayer are recorded.

### Evan Roberts

"The leader in this great religious movement is a young man twenty-six years of age, Evan Roberts. First he worked in a coal mine, then became an apprentice in a forge, then a student for ministry. But all his life he has yearned to preach the gospel. He is no orator, he is not widely read. The only book he knows from cover to cover is the Bible. He has in his possession a Bible which he values above anything else belonging to him. It is a Bible slightly scorched in a colliery explosion. When the evangelist was working in a colliery he used to take his Bible with him, and while at work would put it away in some convenient hole or nook near his working place, ready to his hand when he could snatch a moment or two to scan its beloved pages. A serious explosion occurred one day. The future Welsh revivalist escaped practically unhurt, but the leaves of his Bible were scorched by the fiery blast. 'Evan Roberts' scorched Bible,' is a familiar phrase among his friends.

"Little more than a month ago Evan Roberts was unknown, studying in one of the Welsh colleges at Newcastle-Emlyn to prepare for the Calvinistic Methodist ministry. Then came the summons and he obeyed. He insists that he has been called to his present work by the direct guidance of the Holy Ghost. At once, without question and without hesitation, he was accepted by the people. Wherever he went hearts were set aflame with the love of God.

### Dominant Note is Prayer

"The dominant note of the revival is prayer and praise. Another

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striking fact is the joyousness and radiant happiness of the evangelist. Evan Roberts smiles when he prays, laughs when he preaches. 'Ah, it is a grand life,' he cries. 'I am happy, so happy that I could walk on the air. Tired? Never! God has made me strong. He has given me courage.'

"He is a leader who preaches victory, and shows how it may be won—victory over the dull depression and gloomy doubt of our time. It has long been felt in Wales as elsewhere, that the time was ripe for a great religious revival. As the Rev. H. M. Hughes, a Congregational minister in Cardiff, recently pointed out, all efforts, movements, and organizations did not stem the flood of evil or stop the growth of pleasure-seeking and mammon worship. A generation had risen that had not seen the arm of God working as it had done in 1859 in Ireland.

"Now, the revival has arrived, and it has many of the marks of previous great awakenings. Strong men are held in its grip; the Spirit of God stirs to their very depths whole neighborhoods and districts. There is a tumult of emotion, an overpowering influence, and a conviction of sin that can only be attributed to divine agency.

"Personal eloquence, magnetism, fervor, or mental power do not account for it. The only explanation is the one which the evangelist gives—it is all of God. And it has already done infinite good in places far away from its immediate locality. Men everywhere are thinking, talking, discussing religious topics, and at last God, Christ, and the soul have to some degree come to their own. The revival seems to work especially among young people. Its form is that of prayer, praise, and personal testimony. Its absence of method makes it the expression of the emotions of young hearts aflame with the love of God."

In an article on the revival in the Methodist Times of London, England, Rev. T. Ferrier Hulme records some of the impressions of his visit to Wales to see the awakening: "It will give us all renewed faith in prayer, for this is emphatically a praying revival. Evan Roberts told me that prayer became so passionate and mighty at Caerphilly that at midnight a number of men formed themselves into a 'Get-them-out-of-bed brigade,' and, in an hour or two, three of the sinners prayed for became so miserable in bed that they dressed hurriedly, came on to the service, and yielded to Christ there and then. I have seen over and over again the complete abandonment with which men give themselves up to pleading, as if they were totally unconscious of any presence but that of Christ, and are quite unaffected by anything or anybody else. Even when I could not understand a single word I have been indescribably moved.

### Extraordinary Incidents

"Extraordinary incidents are as numerous as ever. At Cardiff a young man, who had been lost to his parents for three years, turned up at the very service where his father (a county magistrate) and his mother were praying for him. His father knelt at his side to help him to Jesus, but the son did not recognize him till they both rose to give praise! They then went together to find the mother, who in another part of the chapel was earnestly praying for her lost boy, and was totally oblivious of anything and any one around her. The scene was indescribably pathetic, and the joy of all was ecstatic.

"What was and is remarkable right throughout the meetings is their spontaneity. On some occasions as many as half a dozen commence to pray at one time and continually brothers and sisters are on their feet to pray, waiting turns. One old brother six times attempted to pray and each time was forestalled by someone else. "It was a glorious sight to see

sinners rising and coming to the penitent form seeking forgiveness. After the singing of 'Come to Jesus,' the question was asked, 'Who will come to Him now?' A man got up and shouted, 'I will,' and then broke down. Then his wife came out to the penitent form, and all his children. Another case occurred during the singing of 'Throw Out the Life-Line.' A passer-by who was drunk was so affected by the singing that he turned into the meeting. It was wonderful to see the change that took place in him before the meeting was over. He came forward and confessed Christ, and when the meeting closed he was a sober man. Never has the Spirit of God been felt in such a powerful manner before.

"Many who have long been prayed for have yielded; backsliders have come back, and many wonderful cases of conversion have taken place. The football field, the dance, and the dramatic entertainment have been given up, and many things laid aside for the 'revival meetings.'"

### Decrease in Drunkenness and Crime

Another report in the Methodist Times tells of the decrease in drunkenness and crime, as the result of the revival: "Reports from all the districts in South Wales affected by the revival show that the Christmas holidays, so dreaded by new converts who formerly devoted the whole of the time to drink and revelry, have passed by without the defections from the faith which were loudly prophesied by the unsympathetic and unbelieving. South Wales has never known such a quiet and peaceful Christmas.

"In Cardiff, police reports show that drunkenness has diminished over 60 per cent, whilst on Saturday last the Mayor was presented by the Chief Constable with a pair of white gloves, there being no case at all on the charge sheet—an unprecedented fact for the last day of the year.

"The same thing happened at the Swansea County Court on the previous Saturday, and the magistrate said, 'In all the years I've been sitting here I've never seen anything like it, and I attribute this happy state of things entirely to the revival.'

"The streets of Aberdare on Christmas Eve were almost entire-

ly free from drunkenness, and on Christmas Day there were no prisoners at all in the cells. At Abercarn Police Court, responsible for a population of 21,000, there was not a single summons on Thursday—a thing unknown since the court was formed fourteen years ago—and here, too, was enacted the ceremony of the white gloves.

### Change in Language

"The change in the language of the crowds has been just as marked as the change in their drinking habits. As the old hymn says:

Suffice that for the season past  
Hell's horrid language filled our  
tongues,

We all Thy words behind us cast,  
And lowly sang the drunkard's  
songs.

But, O the power of grace divine!  
In hymns we now our voices raise,  
Loudly in strange hosannas join,  
And blasphemies are turned to  
praise!

"Whilst bands of enthusiastic workers have paraded the streets, arresting the attention of the careless by joyful song and earnest invitation, homely meetings have been extemporized in cottages, and here some of the most precious experiences of the revival have been obtained. At one of these family gatherings no less than five conversions were recorded.

### Sympathetic Press Reports

"The secular press is still fanning the flame by its sympathetic reports of the revival meetings. Surely one of the most remarkable facts yet recorded in daily journalism is the 'Revival Edition' of the Evening Express, published in Cardiff. The managers had found a football edition paid them well, so they experimented with a 'Revival Edition,' in which every article, every report, every paragraph, and every portrait, indeed every line, except the advertisements, dealt with religious work. It has had such an enormous sale (Continued on Page 3)

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ated with the National Laymen's Evangelistic Association. Howard Baxla, field secretary for the laymen, helped greatly in enlisting the pastors and churches in the campaign. After plans began to mature, they asked for William F. Mann, my representative, to come and meet with them and talk with the pastors. "Bill" Mann went, had a kindly reception, and most of the churches in town went heartily into the union effort.

The National Evangelistic Association has local groups organized in eleven states, including Ohio and the southeastern states. These brethren are earnestly set for the propagation of the gospel, for helping sponsor great revivals, and will work with the evangelists associated with THE SWORD OF THE LORD wherever possible. Thank God for their fervent work!

### People Stood Three Hours!

Who, having been present, can ever forget that tremendous service last Sunday night! The South High School Auditorium seating 1,600, including the platform, was packed and jammed to capacity, and people stood against the wall along the back through the entire service. The service began at 7:30, and with the great song service, the public recognition of the committees and workers who had done so much to further the campaign, the offering and solo, and then the sermon, made it 9:25 before I finished my message on "Missing God's Last Train for Heaven." But people stood patiently at the back those two hours. And then the invitation extended for a full hour! Fifty-seven people came to publicly confess Christ as Saviour in that one service! The moving of the Holy Spirit was so deep and manifest that we could not let the people go. How they stayed! And the great choir, led by Dr. Clarke, patiently sang on and on between exhortations and prayers. Many members of the choir left to do personal work, and the others crowded close to the microphone and sang with power and conviction and prayer. Pastors and others worked quietly in the congregation and went with the new converts, after they had come to take my hand and let it be known they were accepting Christ, to the inquiry room where each one was carefully taught with the open Bible, and prayer, and received full assurance. Record was then made of their conversions and names and addresses, on decision cards, were given to the pastors of the convert's preference. The people stood the hour of the invitation, including those who had stood two hours before. Then we sang, "God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again," and there was a long time of counselling, of hand-shaking and rejoicing before we got away. I did not get to lie down until 1:25 a. m., and then at 2:00 a. m. I arose to take the Pennsylvania train back to Chicago and Wheaton.

### Many Remarkable Conversions

One of the men who came Sunday night to take Christ as his Saviour was led by his daughter. He told me he was sixty-six years old, had never made a profession. One woman came Sunday night who appeared to be seventy years old, and another of about the same age Sunday afternoon, each of them coming to take Christ as Saviour.

Sunday night a doctor was converted whose home is in West Miami Beach. He was serious and grave, but thoroughly understanding and clear in his decision.

One night last week the tenor soloist in the large Trinity Methodist Church was converted. He said that he had been a member of the church for many years, always counted himself a Christian but just learned, for the first time, that he needed to be saved, born again. He came Sunday night to sing for us, "The Old

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that a similar edition was produced last Tuesday."

### Bible Sales Increase

Another report of the revival tells of the great increase in the sale of New Testaments and Bibles, and a corresponding decrease in the sale of low-class literature: "The Welsh are supposed to be a Bible-reading people, and judging by the numerous and apt quotations in their prayers they know a great deal more about the contents of the Book than the average man. And yet again and again when Evan Roberts has tested the congregations it was found that even among Christian people Bible readers were in a minority. Those who have confessed their neglect have promised to amend their ways, and they have so far kept their vow by purchasing Bibles in large quantities.

"The increase in the sales has been very great. A bookseller at

Ton, in the heart of the Rhondda, who has been eighteen years in the trade, says the increase has been 'tremendous'—and there has been a corresponding decrease in the sale of low-class literature. So say two booksellers in the neighboring town of Pentre, who add that the most remarkable increase has been in the purchase of pocket Testaments by young men. At Neath a bookseller states that before the revival he regarded Bibles as dead stock, but in recent weeks he had cleared out all his old stock and has had to get further supplies. To some of his customers the Bible was quite unknown, and they carried it off as a hoarded treasure. Along with this there has been a decided slump in 'penny dreadfuls.' "

Oh, that such faith and fervor, such forsaking of sin, and such a Bible reading revival might come to America and other lands today! It will, if we will believe and "pray through."

Rugged Cross," and said he knew, for the first time, what it meant.

Another mature man, a leading musician in the First Baptist Church, came also to claim Christ as Saviour, gave his public testimony and sang.

Friday night in a prayer meeting which lasted until midnight, at the South Side Baptist Church, a Lutheran woman came and knelt beside me, while we were in prayer. She whispered to me, "I have been so stubborn! I have been a member of the Lutheran church for years; I take communion; I have counted myself a good Christian. But I really never was saved. I felt I ought to come and tell you that I will give my heart to Jesus now!" Then when we were off our knees, she turned to the congregation to tell them, "I am so happy!" Later she rose again, before the night of prayer was over, and said, "Oh, I am so glad the Lord was not as stubborn with me as I have been with Him!" Then her husband, a gray-haired man who said, "I have not missed a service thus far," came to accept Christ as his Saviour in that prayer meeting.

We had a number of cases of whole families saved. Early in the campaign a man came to take Christ as his Saviour, and a night or two later his wife came.

On the last Friday night a man came to take Christ after a great struggle. He said he had bitter hatred in his heart and a temptation to murder. But with tears he surrendered and confessed to God his sin and trusted Christ for salvation. Then his little daughter came, too, to take the Saviour. The following night his wife came to be saved and with her, a son. Then we discovered that divorce proceedings had begun. The wife promised to go home and make

things right, by God's grace, and have a happy home.

Dr. Harmon J. Dutton, chairman of the campaign, a very kindly and godly man, announced publicly that on February 2nd pastors of the city would meet with the Laymen's Evangelistic Association to plan for another union campaign next year.

Thank God that these great union revival campaigns are making people believe in evangelism again, and are opening the door to further revival efforts.

William F. Mann, my special representative and advance man, is now in Shenandoah, Iowa, preparing for the campaign which Dr. Clarke and I begin Sunday, February First. Dr. Harrison M. Pierce is working in Marion and Mansfield, Ohio, and other Ohio cities which want some of the evangelists associated with THE SWORD OF THE LORD in union campaigns.

I will be glad to have Mr. William F. (Bill) Mann or Dr. Pierce, a Christian physician, to come to cities that desire a union campaign by reputable, experienced evangelists, to explore the possibilities and enlist pastors and churches wherever possible, if small groups of pastors ask for their services and they have time available. We would be glad to help set up revival campaigns for Evangelists Hyman Appelman,

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FOUNDER OF BOB JONES COLLEGE, CLEVELAND, TENN.

My dear Friends:

Our Lord warns all of us about the danger of not counting the cost when we start out to build a house. We have always made it a rule to figure on the worst and hope for the best. When the Board of Trustees of Bob Jones College voted unanimously to sell the College plant in Cleveland, Tennessee, to the Church of God and build a new, modern plant and next fall expand into a university, I was made chairman of the committee to work out the expansion plans. When we were invited by the Chamber of Commerce of the city of Greenville, South Carolina, we decided after looking over the site that Greenville was the place the Lord wanted us to build a great Christian university. We prayerfully counted the maximum cost of the first unit of the plant and the minimum financial income that we felt confident we could count on. In the budget of income we counted the money receivable from the Church of God in payment for the Bob Jones College plant, and certain cash reserves that we had already provided for buildings, and also certain other funds that we felt confident would be coming in. Then we figured a definite minimum amount that we believed with all our hearts that God's people would provide in gifts.

Now, if God's people will contribute the reasonable minimum amount we are counting on, the first unit of the university plant will be financed by September 1 of this year. If there is any failure anywhere, it will be because God's orthodox people do not cooperate with us by investing a reasonable share of the money which God has given them to be used for His glory. From the first

of September until the first of January, which is one-third of a year, we received in contributions from God's people about one-third of what we will need for the twelve months' period from September 1, 1946, through September 1, 1947.

Now, I am just trying to be very frank with you. We have found from many years of experience that September, October, November and December are usually better months for contributions than January, February, March and April. Yet January, February, March and April of this year are the months of very great need for us. So we are making a very special appeal. As the old country preacher said, "I am appealing to you as I have never pelted before." You people who love the Lord Jesus Christ and who know the great need and who believe in what Bob Jones College is unselfishly doing will not let us down. We are counting on you. If necessary, make a sacrifice and help us in this great task which we have sincerely undertaken for the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ and the good of the cause which is so dear to all of us. Remember, you can help us in the three following ways:

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## The Failure of Repeal; The Return of Prohibition

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### Increased Consumption

The pay-off has been an ever rising tide of liquor drinking. In 1934—the first full year of repeal—the per capita consumption of beverage alcohol was approximately 10 gallons; by 1941 it had increased to 15 gallons; it climbed to 18 gallons in 1943; and by 1945 it was over 20 gallons for every man, woman and little child in the nation.

In 1945, part of the year during a bloody global war and the rest of the year while millions starved for bread in foreign lands, the American people drank the stupendous sum of 110 million gallons of wine, 190 million gallons of distilled spirits, and 2,527,000,000 gallons of beer for which they paid the mammoth amount of nearly 8 billion dollars.

That's how repeal has promoted temperance!

No wonder our court dockets are crowded and our penal institutions are packed and jammed with cases involving liquor!

No wonder 17-year-old boys lead our 16 billion dollar-a-year crime parade in this country!

No wonder wrecked homes and divorce proceedings have multiplied and grown with every passing year of repeal!

No wonder city jails are full of drunks; drunken women stagger our streets, and drunken drivers race our highways, turning them into bloody slaughter lanes!

### Bootleggers Flourish

Advocates of repeal said it would lawfully regulate the liquor industry and stop bootlegging. The traffic is as lawless as ever. You had as well talk about regulating thunder and lightning by law; you had as well talk about regulating rattlesnakes or hornets by law. Last year with over 400,000 legal outlets operating full blast the Federal Agents broke up 1,645 moonshine stills and caught 1,666 bootleggers in the wet state of Georgia; they broke up 1,385 moonshine stills and caught 1,450 bootleggers in the wet state of North Carolina; they broke up 1,158 moonshine stills and caught 550 bootleggers in South Carolina—that state doesn't permit local option and doesn't have a foot of prohibition territory in it; they broke up 847 moonshine stills and caught 1,255 bootleggers in wet Alabama; they broke up 492 moonshine stills and caught 650 bootleggers in wet Virginia; they broke up 485 moonshine stills and caught 685 bootleggers in wet Florida; and in Kentucky with 73 legal distilleries and 6 legal breweries running full blast day and night, they broke up 302 moonshine stills and caught 522 bootleggers. In all across the nation last year the Federal Agents broke up more than 8,000 moonshine stills and caught over 11,000 bootleggers!

### New Deal Saloons Worse

Advocates of repeal said the "old saloon" would not come back. Prohibition closed 177,000 "old sa-

loons." Repeal opened some 400,000 New Deal, Raw Deal, Repeal drink shops. But of course they are not called saloons. They are called cafes, filling stations, drug stores, package stores, night clubs, cocktail lounges, "Dine and Dance," "First Chance," "Last Chance," "Bloody Bucket," "Brown Derby," "Tip Top," "Pea Patch," "Blue Moon," "Pale Moon," "Quarter Moon," "Silver Spoon," "Silver Slipper," etc.—a thousand and one names but you never see the word saloon.

We changed the name on the front of the building; but we didn't change the stuff in the bottle.

The old saloon is not back.

But the old drink is back.

You may paint a pump handle until you are black in the face but that won't change the water in the well. You may call saloons "night clubs," "package stores," "cocktail lounges," "inns," "taverns,"—any name you care to choose—but that won't change the booze.

### Alcohol a Harmful Drug

Alcohol in beer, wine or whiskey is a habit-forming, narcotic, poisonous drug that befuddles the brain, depresses the nerves, retards muscular reaction, and releases inhibitions. Changing the name on the front of the building where it is sold, legalizing the sale of it, giving Uncle Sam revenue from its sale, hiring a pretty girl to serve it, and using revenues from it to build schools and pay old age pensions will not keep it from making people drunk and causing them to kill and murder, to steal and rob, beat their wives, starve their babies, curse God and go to the devil.

### The Real Issue

This fight is over what booze is and what it does, not over who makes it, who sells it, or who gets the money out of it. And a bottle of legally made, legally sold and legally drunk beer, wine or whiskey will cause just as much drunkenness, sin, sorrow, shame and grief as will a bottle of bootleg hooch sold in a fruit jar under prohibition.

More booze, more drunkenness, more crime, more staggering women, more delinquent youth, more drunken drivers, more wrecked homes, and more ruined lives have followed in the wake of the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment. And just as General Douglas MacArthur and his fighting Yanks island-hopped back across the Pacific to recapture the Philippines and conquer Japan, so the Bible-believing, Christ-honoring, humanity-loving, sin-hating, high-souled, high-minded, sober-hearted Christian men and women of this nation who love the Lord and the church and their little boys and girls are driving this re-legalized liquor out of state after state, county by county, and precinct by precinct.

### Prohibition Can Be Enforced

Some of you are probably saying to yourself: "Yes, but you can't enforce prohibition; you can't make independent freedom-loving people obey a law they do not like." Did you ever hear that argument?

How about your income-tax law?

How many of you like that law?

A government that can make 60,000,000 people obey an income tax law can make them obey a prohibition law.

A government that can make 130 million people stop buying meat, lard, flour, sugar, coffee and shoes can make them stop buying booze.

Talk about making people obey a law they do not like?

How many of you liked the draft law?

How many of your boys wanted to go around the world and fight and bleed and die during the war?

Be honest now. Don't fudge on me. Play fair. How many of them? Well, I can answer that. Practically none of them. I can prove it. They would not volunteer!

Then what happened?

Congress stepped in. Five hun-

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can do that much for Him."

"Today I took in your booklet, Jewish Persecution and Bible Prophecies hoping her husband will read it, too. When I finish reading The Sword of the Lord I send it in to her."

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dred and thirty-one political leaders up here in Washington who run this country said: "We'll see about that." So they passed a draft law and made 20 million young men become soldiers whether they wanted to or not. Ladies and gentlemen, a government that can make 20 million young men be soldiers against their will ought not to have too much trouble making a few thousand bootleggers stop poking fruit jars through knot holes after dark under prohibition.

### Abolition of Liquor Worth Fighting for

"But," somebody else says, "we tried prohibition once and it didn't work." We tried world peace, too, and it didn't work. We drafted our boys, spent billions and whipped old Kaiser Bill in World War I for the sake of world peace—war to end war; a war to make the world safe for democracy.

### Remember it?

But when old Adolf Hitler arose in Germany, Mussolini in Italy, and Japan stabbed us in the back at Pearl Harbor, we did not whimper and whine and say, "Well, there's no use fighting. We fought for world peace once and it didn't work." No, my friends, we drafted our boys, mustered our resources, built our war plants and fought for world peace all over again on a bigger and bloodier scale than before.

### Why?

Because freedom from oppression, the protection of little helpless nations against the ruthless tread of heartless dictators, "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" is worth fighting for over and over, again and again.

And ladies and gentlemen, freedom from the political corruption, the social debauchery, the economic waste, the domestic strife fostered by a ruthless liquor traffic; and the protection of helpless wives, inexperienced youth, and innocent little children is worth working, talking, voting, fighting and praying for over and over, again and again.

That's why abstinence and prohibition forces never give up.

Come in, join our ranks; help us win this battle.

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## The Young Man Who Made Up His Mind

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bring them back, and we will train them in the college at Babylon. So they selected a group, and among them were four: Daniel, and Hananiah, and Mishael, and Azariah. The Babylonian names given to them were Belteshazzar, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nero. Now, the king said, 'I want these fellows to look like kings. I want them to learn habits like kings. I want them to be smart, as they will need to be; so feed them on the food from my table.'

And Daniel said, 'That would mean pork chops, and I am a Jew, and I can't eat pork. That would mean sometimes catfish, and I am not allowed to eat any fish that does not have scales. That would mean sometimes that I would have other things that are ceremonially unclean and contrary to the law.' And then he said, 'My Jewish Bible (our Old Testament) says, "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." (Prov. 20:1). My Bible says Daniel thought in his heart, "Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder." So Daniel said, "I'm not going to do it." He purposed in his heart and said, "I will not do it." Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank.'

Daniel was kind about it. Notice that Daniel "requested of the prince of the eunuchs." He made a request and said, "Now I know what's good for me and I do not want to go against the law of God, but I am making an honest request. You give me a fair chance and I will prove this is better." He was not loud. He was not discourteous. He had made up his mind he was not going to drink it, but he made an appeal that got him an honest hearing, and Daniel never drank the king's wine. He drank water.

"Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself." This young man is a singular character. There is not on blot on the character of this young man, Daniel. Though he lived in the midst of corruption and sin and idolatry and drunkenness and lewdness, though he had the power of a prime minister under several rulers of the world empire of Babylon, yet this young man stayed with God, and God was with him even down to a great old age as a ruler. God was with him because he made up his mind. He made up his mind! Now there are several things that can be said about him, and I call your attention to them.

### Decide or Drift

First of all, you have to decide, or you drift. You will have to have purpose or be led by passion. It is a good thing for people to make up their minds. Somebody has said, "When you are in Rome, do as the Romans do." That is not the way for a Christian. The way for a Christian to do it is, when you are in pagan Rome, act like a Christian. The thing for a Christian to do is when you are carried away captive into Babylon, live like a Christian. The way for a Christian to do is to say, "When I am with people who drink and curse, I am going to live straight. If I have to be with the Devil's

crowd, I do not have to live as they do. I am going to be a Christian." Daniel made up his mind that he would not drift. He said, 'I have decided on principle and not on expediency.'

I am not much of a Christian. I am not much of a preacher. But when God laid His hand on me to preach I made up my mind to one or two things: I said, "Lord, I don't think I will ever be eloquent; I suppose I will never be a great preacher; but Lord, one thing I can do—I can make up my mind that I am not going to trim my sails. I will be against sin and will say so. People can't buy me off nor scare me." You may scare me, but you will not scare me enough to keep me from preaching against sin. That is right! You may scare me sometime, but you are not going to scare me enough to change the preaching God has laid on my heart. Now I have great revival campaigns. Everywhere I go some put on the pressure. They do not want me to preach against the lodges for fear of making somebody mad. They want me to take the book on lodges off the table because they are afraid it will offend some of these lodge-going

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# The Young Man Who Made Up His Mind

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preachers or church members around here. They do not want me to preach against liquor. "Why don't you stay with the gospel?" they ask. "And don't get in politics." They do not want me mentioning bobbed hair because there are so many who bob their hair, though the Bible is as clear on that question as it is on getting drunk. Everywhere I go, people want me to trim. Now one thing, very happily, I do not have to decide. I decided that in the Pacific Garden Mission one night when I was a college teacher doing graduate work in the University of Chicago. When God laid His hand on me to preach, I said, "Lord, if I preach, then I will please You and not man." I do not have to compromise! I do not have to trim! What I am saying is, if you do not decide, then you will drift. You had better set your course by a certain compass and make up your mind how you are going to live. And then let come what may, "hell or high water," as the slang expression says, people will know that you are on the Lord's side and driving a straight course because you have made up your mind.

We need people these days who have made up their minds. These days girls—fine, tender girls from good families—go out and are led into worldliness and sin because they have not made up their minds. These days a fine lad comes out of a clean Christian home where he was well protected—you cannot keep a boy in the house all the time; you cannot keep him from having friends and you do not want to—and he goes with the crowd. The first thing you know he has drifted away from the godly influence of the home.

Every day I get letters from people drifted. Nearly every day someone comes to consult me, as a mother did yesterday. Her boy got along fine until he went to the army. Then he began to drift. That young man ought to have had his mind made up before going into the army. This boy Daniel made up his mind. And if you do not make up your mind, you are going to drift. Decide or drift! Decide or drift! You had better say, "God helping me, I will decide and put first things first."

## Decide in Youth

Notice further; this is a matter to decide in youth. Most of the things you are ever going to settle will be settled while you are young. You may think that when you are older, when you get an education, when you are mellowed by the years, when your temper and passions are more or less subdued by long years and when you become more established and polished and grown in grace, then you will be more ready to make up your mind and decide those issues. But I remind you, nearly all the great issues in life are decided before you are very old. The fellow who says he will wait until he is old enough to vote, and then decide whether to read and write or not, will never learn to read and write. Very few people ever do. Someone may say, "I won't take Christ as my Saviour now. I am going on, and when I get older and get through college and know exactly what I would like to do, I will decide. I will read Payne and Ingersoll and the other infidels. After I get drunk and play the fool a while, I will decide whether I would rather be a Christian." No you won't. You have already decided to go to Hell. Most of the decisions people make are made while they are young. Your decision to study, your decision to get an education, your decision for a career, your decision about the only girl in the world or about a young knight in armour on a white horse—I say, your decisions about everything important are made when you are young. And if you are going to be a Christian, if you are going to live straight, then make up your mind. There is not anybody here tonight too young

to take holy vows to be with you until the day you die. You had better say, by God's grace, "I am going to do it."

King Edward of England said he promised his mother, Queen Victoria, that he would read the Bible every day. And he did until he died. He made up his mind when he was a boy.

You know, John D. Rockefeller, Sr. used to sign a check for a million dollars and never turn a pair, as he gave it to the Lord's cause. He gave away a lot of his money. Yet do you know why he could give lots of money? He did not have the trouble some people have. He did not have fear of being a pauper if he gave somebody a dime. No! No! John D. Rockefeller started tithing when, as a lad, he only made three dollars a week. It was no trouble, then, later to give three million dollars, because he had been giving thirty cents out of his three dollars.

You make up your mind while you are young. Youth is the time to decide! Daniel decided when he was young. That was the time to make up his mind and he did it. Listen to this: Daniel, old fellow, say, wasn't it tough when you had to decide when a law was passed which said, 'In the whole kingdom of Babylon, this world empire, nobody could pray to anybody but the king,' and the king said, 'O boy! Just think of me! I am the first man who ever lived who could pass a rule like that? All the presidents of his council and the governors said, 'That's right. They thought they would get Daniel in trouble this time. They knew they could not get him drunk, nor catch him in some hotel with a woman. They knew they could not catch him stealing. He wouldn't do anything wrong. Daniel lived a clean life. There was nothing against him. He was the best subordinate ruler that the king had. But these officials knew if there was anything against Daniel, it would have to be with his religion. 'Let's get the king to sign a decree and seal it with the seal of the king, according to the law of the Medes and Persians that changeth not, that no one may pray to anybody but the king for thirty days. We may get him that way,' they said.

"Listen, Daniel, you sure had some deciding to do then, didn't you? Daniel, did you tremble? You know the penalty, Daniel, is to go to the lion's den. Imagine being cast into a den of lions and by the time you hit bottom, lions leap upon you! They haven't fed them; they are hungry, Daniel. My, how glad they would be to get their teeth into your good Jewish bones, Daniel! Does that make you a little scared, Daniel? Was that a pretty hard decision to make?"

Daniel's reply would be: "No, I made up my mind years ago when I was a high school boy. They dragged me away from my home, from my mother and my father, and from Jerusalem, to this strange land. I made up my mind for God then. No, it is no trouble for me to pray. I pray every day." Daniel went to the window, opened it toward Jerusalem. He remembered that God had said, "I have . . . put my name there forever; and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually" (I Kings 9:3). God had said, "If my people which are called by my name are led into sin and are carried away captive and then if, from a far-off country, they remember and pray toward the place, I will hear them." So Daniel said, "Three times a day since my boyhood I have been opening that window toward the west, toward Jerusalem, and three times a day I have prayed to my God to redeem His people and free them from captivity. I will do it again!"

It was not too great a temptation to Daniel. He had faced that thing and found it out long ago. You see, Daniel had already made up his mind. It is a wonderful thing to have your mind made up

on some things.

Let me tell you a secret, young people. I do not know whether you believe it or not, but you know it has been a long time since I even wanted to get drunk! The truth of the matter is, I never was drunk anyhow. I tasted beer once, and it tasted like dishwater, so I spit it out and said, "What kind of a fool would want to drink that stuff?" And so I don't. Thank God, my mind was long ago made up! I did not have to fight against getting drunk. I settled that before I ever got drunk. A lot of things I do not have to fight about. Thank God, I am not bothered about going out and dancing all night. I never got started at it. I made up my mind and it saved me lots of trouble. You know, it sure does save you lots of trouble to have your mind made up.

Somebody says, "Brother Rice, here is a fellow who does not believe the Bible. Here is a fellow who asks questions." Now the truth is I can answer most of the questions of any honest infidel. But suppose an infidel brings questions that temporarily I cannot answer, that temporarily I do not know anything about. You say, "Brother Rice, does that snake your faith?" Thank God, no. When I was a nine-year-old boy my mind was made up, and I have already proved that God is true and that the Bible is true. And the man who does not believe it is a nut. I have already made up my mind. No, brother, I do not get tempted any more about the Bible not being true. There was a time when I did not know, and I set out to

find out. I did find out, and my mind is made up. Thank God you can make up your mind while you are young. It will do you the rest of your life, to keep you in peace and joy and happiness and on a straight road. This young fellow made up his mind in his youth, while he was young.

## Decide for Purity

Now notice, first, I said, decide or drift. Second, I said, decide in youth. Third, I will say, decide for purity. Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the king's meat nor with the wine which he drank. Daniel said, 'I'm not going to do it, I am going to stay clean.' Somebody said, 'Hey, preacher boy, Sunday School boy, won't drink the wine, will he? Yeah, guess he's afraid to.'

Daniel said, 'All right, call me what you want to; I have made up my mind.' They could not phase him. He had his mind made up.

'Ah, Daniel, I see you are tied to your mother's apron strings!'

'All right, call me what you want to! I have made up my mind. I am going to be clean and straight.' He purposed in his heart. You know, I am sad to say, this is an awful old-fogy doctrine in these modern days. They talk about necking and dancing and petting as if they were wrong and expect a girl to keep her body holy and expect a boy to keep his body holy, and expect a lad to have a pure heart like a girl ought to have, and expect young people to come to marriage as virgins. I say, that is awfully old-fogy, and the world sneers at that. On the front

page of every paper it is made a joke, and on every picture show screen it is made a joke, and in all the high schools and colleges it is counted old-fashioned. They say there is not any Hell, and it doesn't pay to do right, and you are a sissy if you try to live clean. But Daniel said, 'Never mind. I am here. The king has picked me out to be a governor. I may lose a job by it; but job or no job, I am going straight.'

'Well,' they must have said, 'you won't be popular, Daniel.'

'All right. I will be pure if I am not popular.'

That is a good thing today. Some girl here today may think that you will never get married if you do not allow men to fondle your body. If you do not allow all kinds of caresses and lewdness, then you are afraid you will never have a sweetheart. Then you can be a spinster and have peace in your heart, have a clean mind and heart, have every man's respect, and be a blessing on earth and have treasure in Heaven. Listen to me; you had better make up your mind. You do not have to sell out to have worth-while things. Daniel made up his mind. Daniel made up his mind about drink. He was not going to drink of the king's wine. It may have

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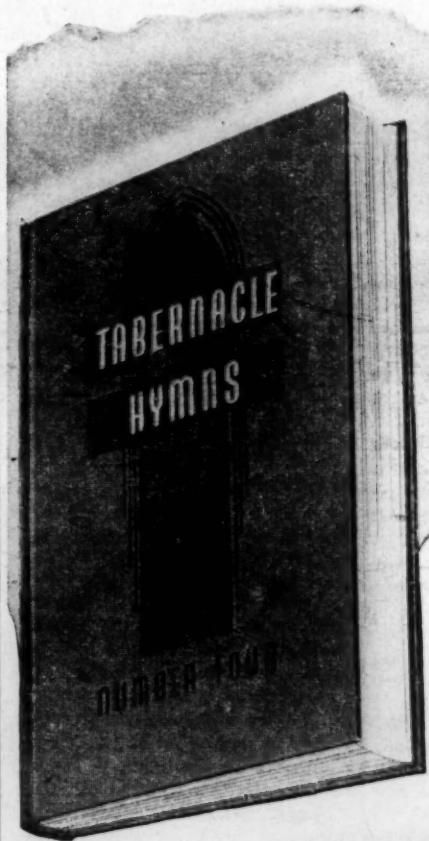
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# The Young Man Who Made Up His Mind

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been just light wine; it might have been very temperate. Someone may have said, "Well, Daniel, I never did believe in prohibition. That is only the blue noses; they are just a bunch of professional, long-faced, dyes."

"Never mind. My mind is made up; I am not going to drink," said Daniel. And he didn't. This fellow had courage to follow some convictions.

I was in the army in World War I. Many another fellow here was in the army. All the time people write me asking for prayer. Yesterday a letter came from a young man just back from service, who had had a nervous breakdown. What happened to our boys? Why couldn't they face it. One reason was that they had not made up their minds. They did not say, "Some things are worth dying for, and I can buck the war because I am going to do what I know is right." These days everybody is a sissy, a pussyfoot, and must kow-tow to popular opinions, go the gait of the world, keep up with the Joneses, and so they say, "Oh, I am so anxious to please everyone." A boy says, "I will drink with the boys because I want friends." A girl says, "Well, I will neck with a fellow because I have to get married some time or I will be an old maid." So everybody sells out. Nobody has convictions, and then everybody is scared to death when they come to a crisis. There ought to be a generation of people who could say, "By God's grace, we have already made up our minds and God is with us. We have some convictions that are worth living by, and worth dying for." If a fellow gets to the place where he is not afraid of men, then he will not be afraid of Hitler; he will not be afraid of the Devil; he will not be afraid of a bullet. We have too many people who are sissies because they have no principles, no convictions, no integrity. Boys and girls, you had better decide on your own personal problems; you had better determine to be pure. Many, many people wish they could say it, but cannot.

I wrote this pamphlet, *Petting and the Scarlet Sin* and some think it is a disgrace. They think it will embarrass people—it is such plain talk. But every time I preach on serious subjects such as this about a pure life and a clean heart, about coming out and being separate, someone writes me a tearful letter or comes weeping to tell me, "Oh, if I had only heard that three years ago!" or, "If I had heard that five years ago, I would have been kept from the torment of a defiled conscience and the nights of fear and trouble and disease in body and distress of soul! If I had only heard it before!"

It would be a good thing if you would just make up your mind to live clean and straight. Be a prude if they call it a prude. Be a Christian. That is a better name for it. Make up your mind not to defile yourself. That is a good reason for not drinking. Young people, you ought to say tonight, "By God's grace, I am not going to do it."

There was a generation—it is out of date now; there are not any of that kind of dads and mothers much now, not any preachers of that kind now, not any holy boldness on that now—but there was a generation when men would sometimes break a vein, take a pen, dip it in blood as they signed a vow to God to never to taste liquor. God bless this generation of fine girls! (I have six daughters; nary a boy, not a one! Every time I ordered a boy, they were out and sent

me a girl!) I say, this is a fine generation of girls. God bless you, I am for you; but another generation back yonder used to say, "The lips that touch liquor will never touch mine." There used to be a generation of girls who would say, "No boy is going to kiss me until we are engaged;" many of them said, "not until we are married." Then we did not have divorces. In those days we had clean, godly women. Back there we had happy homes. We need to come back to say, "I am not going to defile myself." Wouldn't it be a blessed thing if every girl here would say, "God helping me, I will keep myself pure. I will keep myself for the husband and bridegroom who will love me and cherish me forever. I will keep myself for him, and I will keep myself for God?"

I have asked a certain question to groups everywhere. One ounce of ribald young men where I had preached plainly, gathered round me and said, "You don't believe in the dance; you don't believe in necking; you don't believe in having fun." Yes, I do; I just believe in decent fun. So I asked these young men a question: "All right, decide it yourself. What kind of girl would you rather marry? A girl whom every Tom, Dick and Harry has made love to, fondled and aroused her passions, or a girl who is a virgin, one who has kept herself pure, saved herself for you alone? Answer that question." I backed them down, and had one after the other tell me the truth. Shamefacedly, they acknowledged before each other—though they played with every lewd woman—that they wanted, when it came to marriage, someone they knew who was pure and good. And every man who lives wants that.

One of these days you girls will be glad that you made up your mind to walk straight. If you are a Christian, your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit. If you make up your mind to live for God, to glorify God in a modest character and a godly life, then one day God will see to it about the husband. Listen, girls, if God cannot send you a husband and you stay pure, then you are better off without one. You sure are. You will be better off without a husband! I know women who, if they had thought about this twice, would never have taken the first forked stick with pants on that came along. They would never have sold out.

You boys—I want you to be happy. You say that I take away all the fun in life. No, I like the kind of fun that will still be lasting fifty years from now. I do not like the kind that gets you up tomorrow morning with a broken heart, and twenty years from now you still have the courage of a conscience that is defiled, and twenty years from now you have a skeleton in your closet and you are afraid it will come out, and your wife or your children will find it out on you. No, I want the good time that lasts and gets better the further you go. You get that by making up your mind like Daniel and saying, "I will not defile myself." That is what he said.

A great preacher whom I know well and love devotedly told in my hearing this story: He lived at home on a southern farm and traveled some distance to high school, working his way. But when the high school work was done there came the time for him to leave the farm and go off to

college. The family had gathered to tell him good-bye before his father should take Joe to the railroad station. His mother called him to one side and said something like this: "Joe, we have looked after you and counseled you and prayed for you. Now you are a man, and you are going off to college. You will have to be a man on your own, and you will have to resist temptation often without our help. But I want you to remember, Joe, that every night at 9 o'clock in our family worship we will be praying for you. I want you to keep clean and straight, Joe, and I believe you will."

Joe went to college, worked hard and made good. He made the football team. On Thanksgiving Day of his fourth year in college in the home-coming game he was the halfback who carried the ball over the goal-line for the winning touchdown and was carried off the field on the shoulders of his team-mates.

That night the coach said to the boys on the team, "You have worked hard and kept training and been in bed every night by ten o'clock. Tonight the rules are off. Have a good time."

When the big dinner was over and other boys dressed for a late evening in the city, they told how they expected to visit the red-light district and urged Joe to go along. When he first refused they said he was a sissy, tied to his mother's apron string. At last Joe said, "All right, I will go."

On the street together the boys laughed and talked until suddenly the clock in a tower began to strike, one! two! three! The gong sounded on until finally it ended, eight! nine! Then the sound died away on the air. It was nine o'clock! And Joe turned to his comrades and said, "I don't care, boys. I am not going. You can call me anything you want to, but I'm not going!" For Joe said he remembered his mother at nine o'clock was at home praying for him. His own Christian convictions made it impossible for him to go on in the vile sin that was contemplated. And Joe was able to come later to his own marriage altar as pure and clean as was his bride.

I remember hearing Dr. Robert G. Lee tell how he went to South America to make money in order to finish his college work. His mother stood with her hands upon his shoulders and looked into his eyes and said to him something like this: "Bob, you will be a long way from home. But when you come back I am going to look into your eyes, and I can tell if you have dishonored your mother and God." The now famous preacher went to South America. There were all the loneliness, the heart-hunger, the temptations of a far-off land and a ribald companionship. But he lived straight, and when he came home he came to face his mother, she put her hands upon his shoulders again and he said to her, "Mother, look into my face. I have lived clean and straight. I never took a drink. I never gambled a dollar. I never laid a hand on a woman!" And the mother looked into her son's eyes and was satisfied.

Listen to me, some here tonight had better make up your mind for purity, for honesty, for cleanness. That is what Daniel did. "Why," you say, "that's old-

fogy." But Daniel thought that way just the same. And good Christians feel that way. Tonight, if you are saved, the Holy Spirit lives in your body. Don't grieve Him! Don't grieve Him! Whatever you do, whether it is in eating or drinking, or whatever you do, you must give an account to God for it. Remember, the Spirit of God dwells in your body. You are not your own. You are not your own! You are bought with a price. "Glorify God in your body, and in your spirit," the Bible says. All right. Make up your mind. Daniel purposed in his heart for purity.

## Decide for Christ

And I want you to notice next, you should decide for Christ. That is what it meant with Daniel, too. Did you know that Daniel knew about Jesus Christ? Sure! You read Daniel 9:25, 26 and there see the promise of the coming and the birth of the Messiah. And Daniel wrote it down, and the wise men from the East read it and came to see the Baby Jesus. They learned from Daniel about the Saviour and when He would be born. Daniel knew about the Saviour, and Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself. He purposed in his heart he would be true to God and to the Saviour that was coming. You need to decide for Christ tonight.

Did you know that there is not any real morality without Jesus Christ? Nobody here is really going to live right unless you have Jesus Christ. You will break. You will. That's right! You won't go right unless you accept the Bible standard of right and wrong.

There never was a young couple who loved and married and started out to make a home but that intended it to be a good home. I think that every such honest couple intended love should continue and the home stay happy. They never meant to break the marriage and home. That's right. I do not think any man ever started out to be a drunkard. I do not think any girl started out to be a harlot. I say, the reason for those things is that you have not decided for morality and righteousness, and you do not have Christ in the heart. Real morality is bound up in Christianity.

What was wrong with Hitler? He did not have Christ. What was wrong with the war lords of Japan? They did not have Christ. There is not any true purity and decency and morality except as it emanates from Jesus Christ. Daniel decided for Christ and for God. That is why Daniel always prayed three times a day; that is why Daniel could face the king in his wrath, that is why Daniel could face the crushing teeth of the lions and not tremble. He had decided and God was with him.

Nebuchadnezzar did not sleep that night. I have always thought Daniel slept very well in the cave with the lions. I have always thought he said, "Here, Bruno, lie down here." The old grunting beast

laid down, and Daniel said, "Now this will do for a pillow. He laid his head in the flank of the old lion, laid his hand on his head, scratched him behind the ear for a little, and then Daniel went to sleep. Don't you think so? The angel of God had locked the lions' mouths. But if Daniel slept, the king did not. If Daniel slept in safety, the king had no peace. Oh, how long was the night! And the king said, "I shouldn't have done it! What a vain fool I was to expect men to pray to me instead of to God! Then there is Daniel. If I have lost Daniel, I have lost the staunchest friend in the kingdom. I have lost the best ruler I have. What will I do?" He did not rest, but fasted. There was no music that night for the king. There was no peace that night for the king. As the day began to grow gray yonder on the eastern horizon, the king was up and gone, and down to the lions' den. "Oh, Daniel," he said, "was the Lord thy God able, was He able to deliver you from the lions' mouths?"

And Daniel said, "Good morning, king! O king, live forever! The Lord did deliver me, and sent His angel and locked the jaws of the lions." And they got Daniel out, and the king was converted.

You see, Daniel knew the Saviour, and that is what you need. You know, real heroes are made up having Christ, by having Christ within. He will help you then. Do you want to be pure? Oh, that pure and holy Jesus, get Him to make you pure. Do you want to be strong? Then you can say, like Paul, "I can do all things through Christ which strengthened me" (Phil. 4:13). You need Jesus.

I have talked long enough, and God is calling tonight. I wonder how many here tonight would like to say, "I want to take a holy vow." First, how many would like to say, "I am going to keep myself pure." Listen, now. It is for Jesus.

You know about the lewd shows. You know about the beer drinking and wine. You know about the dancing question you

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will have to face. You know about the lewd and promiscuous necking that you will have to decide about. You know about dirty stories and literature. What are you going to do about it? Daniel said, 'I am not going to defile myself. I am not going to defile myself.' Oh, it will save you heartache and trouble. I hope you will say that.

And then how many young people will say, "Youth for Christ!" Is it for Christ? Is this group of youth for Christ? All right. How much? Enough to live straight and clean? Enough to live different from this ungodly world? Enough to come away from the dance hall and from the dirty movies and away from the promiscuous necking and lewdness of the world? I wonder—enough for Christ that you dress like Christians and talk like Christians and read things Christians read, go where Christians go; enough for that, I wonder?

I wonder how many will say, "God being my helper, I will take Daniel's vow tonight. I am not going to defile myself. God will have to show me how to apply it in some situations, God will have to tell me what it applies to—this and this, and this. And He will show you. I cannot decide all of that for you. I can only give suggestions. But I wonder how many will say, "By God's grace, I make a holy vow tonight, I'll not defile myself. I'll live for God. I will lay myself on the altar and live for Jesus as he wants me to. I will keep my body pure for Him, and my mind pure for Him. I will try the best I know how not to grieve the Holy Spirit." Let me see your hand high, if you will say that. Come on, will you say, "I make that vow not to defile myself." Come on, lift your hands, come on, if this is "Youth for Christ," let us see you take a stand for Christ and purity now. What about that? Isn't that fair? Isn't that right? (Multitudes hold hands high.) All right. Thank you. God bless you.

Now that is not nearly enough. Daniel had more than morals. He had Jesus Christ. I wonder how many will say, "Thank God, I know I am converted. There was a time when I was a sinner, and I knew it, and I came to put my trust in Jesus, so He forgave me. I trusted Him, and He saved me." How many say, "I know I did." Let's see your hand. How many say, "I know I have been converted. I really trusted Jesus, and He saved me." Can you say that? Can you say that? Now some of you have loved ones here unsaved. Don't you want them to trust Christ? Maybe there is a tender young man or woman or a child here; come on. Maybe there is an old man, like that man eighty-two year old saved last night. God bless him! Don't wait that long. You may go to Hell waiting. And besides that, how can a man go back and undo eighty-two years on the Devil's side? Eighty-two years are lost and sold out, and thrown away, and now you cannot give them back to God. Don't wait. But if you are that old, and yet not saved, I want you tonight to turn. But it is better to decide for Jesus while you are young,

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isn't it? I wonder, do you know Him?

### Who Will Decide With Daniel Today?

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lead the singing. Dr. Clarke wrote, "Into My Heart," "Fishers of Men," "He Careth for You," "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ," and other famous songs.

The Rice-Clarke party is now (Tuesday, January 21) in a city wide union campaign at Lima, Ohio, where many are being saved. God willing, a fuller report of that campaign will be given next week. Already more than two hundred have publicly claimed Christ during the first two weeks.

### Saved Through Book, 'The Scarlet Sin'

"January 16, 1947

"Dear Brother Rice, "One evening before the services during your revival here last September, I asked you a question concerning one of your sermons. You handed me a book saying, 'My sermon on Why God Hardened Pharaoh's Heart is in this book.' That book was THE Scarlet Sin.

"My wife, daughter (8) and I spent Christmas day and evening at the home of my youngest brother, Loren. He has been a bartender for fifteen years more or less. I took this book along. During the evening I read a sermon from this book. I tried to

read it just as near like I heard you preach it. The sermon I read was, 'The Four Biggest Fools in Town.'

"After reading this sermon we went to prayer, and through sweat, tears and confession, he was gloriously saved.

"I never saw anything like it outside of a church. He is no longer a bartender. He and his wife (they have two boys and one girl, all under 14) now spend their leisure moments reading to each other from the Word of God.

"I am mentioning this because I thought it might interest you."

(Signed) Mr. G. W. P.  
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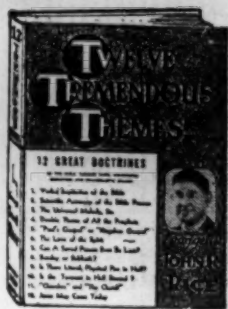
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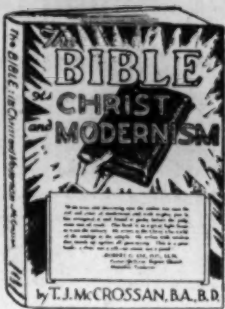


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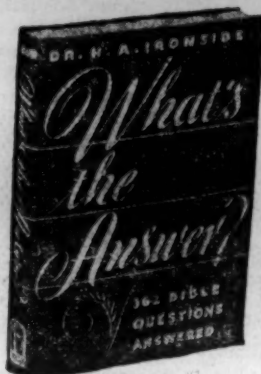
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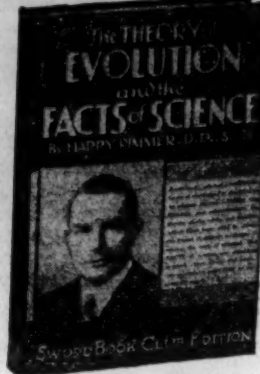
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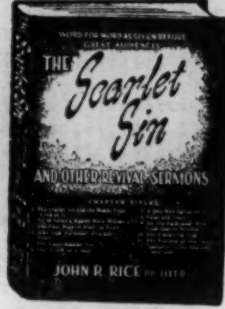
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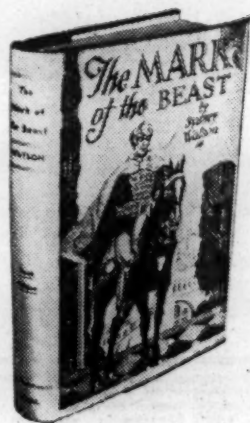
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